

VIDEO LECTURE SERIES

*The*  
*Apostles'*  
*Creed*

*by Rev. Cornelis Harinck*

Study Questions

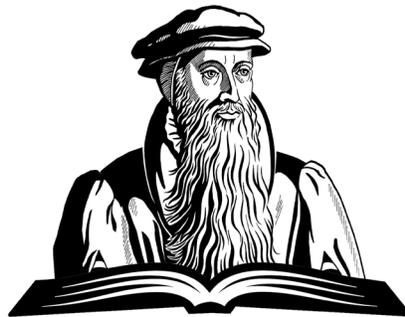
For better understanding fundamental truths  
of Biblical Christianity

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Lecture #5

*Article 4: The Suffering of Christ*

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# *The Apostles' Creed*

in 13 Lectures

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## STUDY QUESTIONS

Lecture 5:

### *Article 4: The Suffering of Christ*

*"...suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell."*

#### **Study Questions**

1. What is the cause of suffering, according to the Bible?

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2. What is the unique aspect of the suffering of Jesus? What kind of suffering is it? Why do we say that Jesus' painful and cursed death on the cross is the mystery of all mysteries?

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3. Why was Jesus subjected to such suffering? What does it show us?

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4. Why is the name of Pontius Pilate mentioned in this Article of the Apostles' Creed?

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5. What does it mean that Jesus suffered as the “innocent Lamb of God”?

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6. Why did Jesus have to go to the cross? What does the Bible tell us about the crucifixion of Jesus? Why is it that Jesus Christ and him crucified are the heart of the gospel?

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7. The Bible tells us that the Lord Jesus “knew no sin.” Then why did he have to die?

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8. What is the biblical view of death? Is it an essential component of human life?

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9. What are the effects of the Lord Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross?

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10. Explain the significance of Christ's burial? Why is it a source of comfort to God's children?

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11. What is the biblical meaning of "he descended into hell"? What does the "hell" mean here? What are the different views of this by the Roman Catholic Church, Martin Luther, and John Calvin?

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12. What happened to the Lord Jesus' body and soul between "Good Friday" and Sunday morning? Where did his body go? Where was his soul? How does the Bible prove this truth?

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**Personal Application**

1. Rev. Harinck concluded this lecture by saying of the Lord Jesus, "The personal comfort of this truth is to know that He has done all that for me." Do you have this wonderful and unspeakable comfort? Have you seen the amazing love of Christ through his suffering?

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